



**75th Student Senate
Finance Committee
January 24 at 6:00 PM
On Zoom**

Call to Order: 6:01 PM

Members Present: Chair Pedraja, Vice-Chair White, Senators, Seeger, Rivera, King, and Jones

Members Tardy: Senator Anandjwala

Members Absent: Senators Rock, Boozeman, Patel(Excused), and Shasho(Excused)

Guests: Chair Wyatt and Chair Widmann

Land Acknowledgement: The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler-colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.

Announcements:

- Chair Pedraja
 - Welcome back to this week's meeting
- Vice-Chair White- Thank you for texting me attendance this week

Committee Business:

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Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation- Spencer Greenwood- Resource for Travel Allocation Committee Member**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Thank you members of the committee for getting here to hear me. I am not going to speak long. My name is Spencer Greenwood. I am applying for the RTAC board position. I have been the supervisor of elections here for almost two years now. Senator Widman asked me to get involved with RTAC in November. I am very familiar with RTAC. I have submitted budget requests sweeping requests, and I have been present for those before. I am financially certified for my position in SOE. I want to get more involved, and want to provide my voice in more places to make sure all RSOs get funded.
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - None
 - **Vice-Chair White moves to call the question; Senator Seager seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Yield
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] Senator White, Jones, Anandjwila, Seager, King, Rivera.
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: Spencer Greenwood is Confirmed to be a committee member for Resource Travel Allocation Committee**
- **Consent Resolution #7 Line Item 2 - Lunar Chinese Student and Scholar Association- Sponsored by Chair Wyatt**
 - Opening Statement:
 - This consent resolution is pretty simple this week. The Japanese Student Association is having the Red Lantern Gala in the Wesley Chapel on the 25th of February. To rent out the Wesley center it would be \$825 which the contractual services cover. They are also getting \$860 worth of food. This request has gone down a little since they cannot request for water bottles. The Chinese Students and Scholar Association is having their Lunar Chinese New Year Event at FSU Moore Auditorium which is free to rent. They are buying groceries from Publix, for about two hundred people. They already have tickets and a programming sheet printed with the SGA logo. They have been advertising on Instagram and other social media. The last group is the Korean American Student Association is having their running man event at the Rez on February 11. The \$518 is for food from Publix and it is open to all FSU Students. Advertised on Social media, and on campus.
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Jones: Is there more information on the Gala and where will it be held?
 - Senator Wyatt: It will take place at the Wesley Chapel. It is a partnership with the Asian American Student Union. It has taken place the last five years, and about 148 attend the event each year. They will hand out food, performances, and that is about all the information.
 - Senator Anandjiwala: Was it held at the Wesley Center last year?
 - Senator Wyatt: I am not sure where it was held last year
 - **Vice-Chair White moves to call the question; Senator Seager seconds**

- Closing Statement:
 - Yield
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] Senator White, Anandjwila, Seager, King, Rivera, and Jones
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: Line Item 2 of Consent Resolution #7 Passes**
- **Consent Resolution #7 - Sponsored by Chair Wyatt**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Yield
 - Round-Table Discussion:
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 - **Senator Jones moves to call the question; Senator Anandjwila seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
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 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] Senator White, Anandjwila, Seager, King, Rivera, and Jones
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: Consent Resolution #7 Passes**
- **Consent Resolution #8 Line Item 1- College Republicans - Sponsored by Chair Widmann**
 - Opening Statement:
 - So this is over 2,000 so both votes. College Republicans are requesting money to attend CPAC which is the Conservative Political Action Summit. This is a political organization, and has a quote from Student body statutes and Laurel Mckinny from the Student Government Business director 802.5d which states that student groups affiliated with national, state, county, or local political parties or supporting or advocating for their agenda may request to spread RSO awareness and for travel to advance their RSO's mission at Florida State University. This is not to advance a political message. A&S fees should not be used to endorse a political candidate on campus or to spread messages of political ideologies off campus This is more of a networking event for the organization with no money going to a specific candidate or campaign.. Expenses were cut down to 3,000 dollars which is \$187 per student
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Ananadijwala: Did they fundraise?
 - Chair Widmann: They have fundraised 1430 dollars in the last fiscal year with a lot going to the gala
 - Senator Seager: How does 3000 break down for travelers?
 - Senator Widmann: Some students can fully pay so that \$187 is going to those who need assistance to attend.
 - Senator Ananjiwla: How much would remain in the RTAC budget after it passes and for how long would that remain?
 - Senator Widmann: 9,106.80 would remain in the RTAC account through the rest of the
 - **Vice- Chair White moves to call the question; Senator Seager seconds**

- Closing Statement:
 - Committee thought this was fiscally responsible, and they originally requested just over 10,000 dollars and they will need to fundraise the rest.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [6] Senator White, Seager, Anandijwala, King, Jones, Rivera
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: Line Item 1 of Consent Resolution 8 Passes**
- **Consent Resolution #8 Line Item 5 - Sponsored by Chair Widmann**
 - Opening Statement: The Florida Public Relations Association also requested 5,200 dollars for lodging and \$530 for other which was for subway cards. They are traveling to New York, but the committee did not think with their hotel prices it was fiscally responsible. So the committee is funding the trip right now.
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Jones: What exactly are they doing in the city?
 - Chair Widmann: Going to a public relations conference to learn more about the public relations world like jobs
 - Senator Seager: Can you tell me the hotel prices?
 - Chair Widmann: Still waiting for meeting history to download, but all the quotes were near the downtown area and Times square. They wanted to stay in the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Time Square because it was the cheapest one available which was \$4,500 . Others were quoted at over 5,000. The committee did not find it fiscally responsible, and thought they can look to other places

Senator Seager moves to call the question; Senator Anandijwala seconds

- Closing Statement:
 - They will be paying for the majority of flights and meals themselves, since we will not be funding for lodging. This is to help them out, so they can fund fundraisers and some expenses
- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Senator Seager, Anandijwala, King, Rivera
 - No [1] Senator Jones
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: Line Item 5 of Consent Resolution 8 Passes**
- **Consent Resolution #8 - Sponsored by Chair Widmann**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Yield
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Annajiwala: Where are the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association Scholars going?
 - Senator Widmann: They are going to Miami
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- **Vice-Chair White to call the question; Senator Jones seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Every organization besides track and field club was cut at least 1,000 dollars. We are trying to preserve the funding for as long as possible, but it is on a first come first serve basis. We have not turned anyone away besides if they have not submitted their request within the correct time frame. The track and field club is fiscally responsible in their request, and they are traveling to a track meet in Gainesville. It will be less than seventy

dollars a person. Additionally, the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association Scholars initially requested a lot more than allocated to them. They requested \$350 for registration, \$1,261 for lodging, and then \$856 for mileage, but registration and lodging was already paid for and RTAC is not allowed to refund.

- Vote:
 - Yes: [6] Senator White, Seager, Anandijwala, King, Jones, and Rivera
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: Consent Resolution #8 Passes**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Pedraja: Great job everyone

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 31, at 6:15 PM

Adjourned:

Ended at 6:31 PM

Signed,

**Edward Pedraja
Finance Chair**